

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

MAIL STOP RCE
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
 provides for continued examination of an utility or
 plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	10/643,968
Confirmation Number	4996
Filing Date	August 20, 2003
First Named Inventor	Henrique Soares CERQUEIRA
Group Art Unit	1764
Examiner Name	Kaity V. HANDAL
Matter Number	Q76952
Title	STRIPPING APPARATUS AND PROCESS

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Petition for Extension of Time
 - v. Other _____ Confirmation of Scheduled Interview

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months
- b. Other _____

3. FEES

The statutory fee of \$790.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen. The USPTO is also directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

Direct all correspondence to the address for SUGHRUE MION, PLLC filed under the Customer Number listed below:

WASHINGTON OFFICE

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CUSTOMER NUMBER

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

Name L. Raul Tamayo Registration No. 47,125

Signature /L. Raul Tamayo/ Date March 22, 2007